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Central Illinois Public Service Company)
d/b/a AmerenCIPS)
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Petition for special permission to place revised)
Tariff sheets into effect on less than 45 days)
Notice.)

01-0446

PETITION

Central Illinois Public Service Company, d/b/a AmerenCIPS hereby requests permission to place the accompanying tariff sheets into effect on less than 45 days notice. Specifically, AmerenCIPS seeks leave to suspend the operation of its Riders TC and PPOS effective on or before July 23, 2001 through May 31, 2003, and to provide existing Rider PPOS customers with a reasonable transition to other supply options. Riders TC and PPOS govern AmerenCIPS' transition charges and Purchased Power Option Service ("PPO"). AmerenCIPS seeks to cease collecting transition charges from customers other than existing PPO customers on the effective date of the revised tariff sheets, and to cease offering PPO service other than to existing PPO customers, as of the same date. Existing PPO customers could continue to take PPO service and pay transition charges through completion of their Rider PPOS term. Alternatively, existing PPO customers could choose to switch to an alternative retail supplier, or return to an existing bundled rate. Pursuant to their own terms, all provisions of Riders TC and PPOS would again take effect on June 1, 2003, unless AmerenCIPS were to seek approval of a further extension to the original suspension period prior to that date as specified herein. Additionally, AmerenCIPS proposes certain other tariff changes necessary for clarifying the application and calculation of Riders PPOS and TC. In support of its Petition, AmerenCIPS states as follows:

1. AmerenCIPS has delivery services tariffs ("DST") on file with the Commission, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 99-0121. AmerenCIPS' DST contains a Rider TC, which imposes a transition charge on customers pursuant to Section 16-102 of the Public Utilities Act, and a Rider PPOS, which offers the PPO to non-residential customers paying transition charges, as required under Section 16-110 of the Act.
2. AmerenCIPS' initial DST contained a Rider MV, which calculated the market value of electric power and energy for purposes of Riders TC and PPOS using the Neutral Fact Finder ("NFF") values. In May, 2000, AmerenCIPS filed a petition with the Commission, which was docketed as Docket No. 00-0395, in which it requested permission to revise its Rider MV to employ a market value index ("MVI") methodology. Under AmerenCIPS' proposed MVI methodology, market values would be determined as a function of applicable market indices and other data.
3. In its petition in Docket No. 00-0395, AmerenCIPS explained that it believed that the NFF approach understated the market value of power and energy, and therefore, overstated transition charges and underpriced the PPO. AmerenCIPS did not at that time propose any change in its Rider TC or Rider PPOS. It explained that, if the Commission were to approve its proposed MVI methodology, AmerenCIPS would evaluate whether to continue to collect transition charges and to offer the PPO.
4. On April 10, 2001, the Commission approved, with certain conditions not relevant here, AmerenCIPS' proposed revisions to Rider MV to reflect use of the MVI methodology. In its Order, the Commission allowed AmerenCIPS seven days in which to accept the revisions to Rider MV

approved by the Commission, subject to the conditions on which the Commission gave its approval.

5. AmerenCIPS decided to accept the conditions that the Commission has placed on the use of the MVI methodology, and on April 18, 2001 AmerenCIPS filed a Rider MVI ("Rider MVI") complying with the terms of the Commission's April 10, 2001 Order.
6. On May 2, 2001, AmerenCIPS filed a petition seeking special permission to place revised Riders TC and PPOS into effect on less than 45 days notice, to conform those tariffs with the new Rider MVI, among other changes. AmerenCIPS also requested permission to cancel its Rider MV, having been superceded by Rider MVI. The Commission granted approval of the petition on May 23, 2001.
7. AmerenCIPS has reviewed the effect of Rider MVI on transition charges, and has determined that it is appropriate to suspend operation of Rider TC, through at least May 31, 2003. Accordingly, AmerenCIPS seeks permission to place into effect the accompanying revised Rider TC, which would suspend the applicability of the transition charge from the effective date of the revised Rider TC through May 31, 2003. Because there would be no applicable transition charge during the suspension period, AmerenCIPS also seeks permission to place into effect a revised Rider PPOS, which would suspend availability of the PPO during the same period. In the event that AmerenCIPS decides to further suspend Riders TC and PPOS beyond the initial suspension period, it will file revised tariffs seeking such authorization.

8. During March, 2003, AmerenCIPS will provide written notice to all eligible customers reminding them of the expiration of the suspension of Riders TC and PPOS effective June, 2003, unless prior to that date AmerenCIPS has sought from the Commission an extension of the suspension period. Such a request would take the form of a petition seeking permission to revise the Riders to extend the suspension period.
9. AmerenCIPS' Rider MVI will remain in effect throughout the suspension period, and AmerenCIPS will comply with all reporting requirements applicable to Rider MVI.
10. AmerenCIPS seeks to suspend the applicability of transition charges as soon as possible. Delaying the effectiveness of the revisions to Riders TC and PPOS the full 45 days under Section 9-201 is not in the public interest. Further, the immediate suspension of transition charges will benefit retail electric customers in AmerenCIPS' service area and will help the development of a competitive market in Illinois. In particular, the immediate suspension of AmerenCIPS' transition charges would create a period of almost two years (from June or July of 2001 to June of 2003) during which suppliers and purchasers of electricity would know with certainty that there would be no transition charges imposed on a retail customer in AmerenCIPS' service area which chose to purchase power from a different supplier. This would facilitate a customer's decision to switch to a different supplier, and thus would facilitate competitive activity in AmerenCIPS' service area.
11. In addition, AmerenCIPS seeks to transition existing PPO customers to other supply options in a fair and reasonable manner. To further

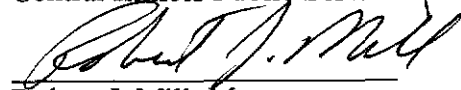
accommodate customers, AmerenCIPS does not propose to terminate PPO service to existing PPO customers on the effective date of the revised tariffs. Rather, as specified in the accompanying Rider PPOS tariff, AmerenCIPS proposes that an existing PPO customer may remain on the PPO until completion of the customer's Rider PPOS term, but not later than the conclusion of Applicable Period A in June 2002. Alternatively, an existing PPO customer may choose at any time after the effective date of the revised tariffs to switch to another power supplier or return to bundled service. During this transition period, PPO charges and transition charges for existing PPO customers would continue to be based on the Rider MVI values.

12. AmerenCIPS further proposes a number of revisions to Riders PPOS and TC designed to provide customers with greater specificity as to the calculation and application of PPO and TC. Sections of the tariff sheets with new or revised language are marked with an asterisk.

Wherefore, for all the reasons stated herein, AmerenCIPS respectfully requests that the Commission allow the accompanying tariff sheets to go into effect on less than 45 days notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

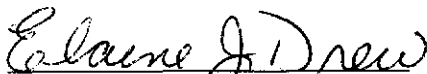
Robert J. Mill, Manager of Regulatory Affairs of Central Illinois Public

Service Company, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I have reviewed the foregoing Petition.
2. I am familiar with the facts stated in the Petition.
3. The facts in the Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
4. I am authorized to file this Petition on behalf of Central Illinois Public Service Company, d/b/a AmerenCIPS.


Robert J. Mill

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
to this 8th day of June, 2001.


Notary Public

